

*The Tragedy of Hamlet*

crawling betweene earth and heaven? we are arrant Knaves, be-  
leeve none of us, go thy waies to a Nunry. Where's your father?

*Ophel.* At home my Lord.

*Ham.* Let the doores be shut upon him,  
That he may play the foole no where but in's owne house:  
Farewell.

*Ophel.* O helpe him you sweet heavens.

*Ham.* If thou dost marry, Ile give thee this plague for thy dow-  
ry, be thou as chaste as Ice, as pure as snow, thou shalt not escape  
calumny, get thee to a Nunry, farewell. Or if thou wilt needs mar-  
ry, marrie a foole, for wisemen know well enough what monsters  
you make of them: to a Nunry, goe, and quickly too, farewell.

*Ophel.* Heavenly powers restore him.

*Ham.* I have heard of your paintings well enough: God hath gi-  
ven you one face, and you make your selves another, gig and am-  
ble, and you list you nickname Gods creatures, and make your  
wantonnesse ignorance; go too, Ile no more on't, it hath made me  
mad: I say we will have no moe marriages, those that are married  
already all but one shall live, the rest shall keepe as they are: to a  
Nunrie goe.

*Exit.*

*Ophel.* O what a noble minde is here orethrowne!  
The Courtiers, Souldiers, Scholars, eie, tongue, sword,  
Th'expectation and Rose of the faire state,  
The glasse of fashion, and the mould of forme,  
Th'observ'd of all observers, quite, quite downe,  
And I of Ladies most deject and wretched,  
That suckt the honey of his Musicke vowes;  
Now see what noble and most soveraigne reason  
Like sweet bells jangled out of time, and harsh,  
That unmatched forme and stature of blowne youth  
Blasted with extasie. O woe is me  
T'have seen what I have seen, see what I see! *Exit.*

*Enter King and Polonius.*

*King.* Love! his affections doe not that way tend,  
For what he spake, though it lackt forme a little,  
Was not like madnes, there's something in his soule  
Ore which his melancholy sits on brood,  
And I doe doubt the hatch and the disclose

Will

*Prince of Denmarke.*

Will be some danger; which for to prevent

I have in quicke determination

Thus set downe: he shall with speed to England,

For the demand of our neglected tribute:

Haply the Seas and Countries different,

With variable objects shall expell

This something ferled matter in his heart,

Whereon his braines still beating,

Putts him thus from fashion of himselfe.

What thinke you on't?

*Pol.* It shall doe well:

But yet I doe beleewe the origen and commencement of it

Sprung from neglected love: how now *Ophelia*?

You need not tell us what Lord *Hamlet* said,

We heard it all: my Lord doe as you please,

But if you hold it fit, after the Play

Let his Queen-mother all alone entreat him

To shew his griefe; let her be round with him,

And Ile be plac'd (so please you) in the eare

Of all their conference: if she find him not,

To England send him, or confine him where

Your wisdome best shall think.

*King.* It shall be so,

Madnesse in great ones must not unmatched goe. *Exeunt.*

*Enter Hamlet, and three of the Players.*

*Ham.* Speake the speech I pray you as I pronounc'd it to you,

trippingly on the tongue; but if you mouth it, as many of our

Players do, I had as lieve the Towne-crier spoke my lines: nor do

not saw the aire too much with your hand, thus, but use all gently;

for in the very torrent tempest, and, as I may say, whirle-wind of

your passion you must acquire and beget a temperance that may

give it smoothnesse: O it offends mee to the soule to heare a ro-

busitious Perwig-pated fellow teare a passion to tatters, to very

rags, to spleet the eares of the ground-lings, who for the most part

are capable of nothing but inexplicable dumbe shewes and noise:

I would have such a fellow whipt for ore-doing Termagant, it out-

*Herods Herod,* pray you avoid it.

*Play.* I warrant your honour.

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*Ham.*